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Maienschein secures recreation parcel for Scripps Ranch

Councilmember Brian Maienschein has secured the acquisition of a four acre parcel for the community of Scripps Ranch to use for recreational purposes. This property is located on Scripps Poway Parkway on the western edge of the Scripps Ranch Marketplace shopping center near the intersection of Scripps Summit Drive.

The community has attempted to secure this parcel for more than two years, and through Maienschein's negotiations with Shea Properties, the parcel will now become City property with a purpose for development of a family recreational facility such as a YMCA, or another recreational use to be determined by community volunteer planning group and civic association members. Planning will take place through early December, and work to a specific chosen use should begin in early 2001.

The parcel acquisition occurred in conjunction with the community's approval of a redesign of the Scripps Gateway Freeway Center project proposed for the northeastern graded area at the intersection of Scripps Poway Parkway and Interstate 15. Maienschein led the way for City Council to deny the original pro-

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Maienschein says "no" to 1000 new homes along I-15 corridor

Councilmember Brian Maienschein voted not to approve the Rancho Encantada project at City Council on August 7, 2001. Maienschein explained that his disapproval was based on the absence of traffic mitigation measures to accommodate the 10,000 daily trips to be generated by the 936 home development. The Council approved the project by a 7-2 vote.

Rancho Encantada will be built on the old General Dynamics property located to the east of Scripps Ranch, just south of the Poway Business Park area and on the northern border of MCAS Miramar. Only one single point of access exists to and from this development - through Scripps Ranch and off Pomerado Road near Spring Canyon Road intersection.

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Maienschein adamantly opposed allowing this development to turn the streets of Scripps Ranch into parking lots. He emphasized that he had no confidence in the mitigation measures proposed, and that Rancho Encantada was indicative of other I-15 developments which were blindly allowed to be built before any acceptable infrastructure was in place.

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The Scripps Ranch volunteer planning and civic groups participated in the planning of Encantada, and their speakers made it known at Council that the proposed traffic mitigation measures must be constructed before homes are occupied. The Scripps Ranch volunteers attached eight conditions to any measure allowing the project going forward, and this statement of conditions will be made a part of the City’s development agreement with McMillin.

Maienschein stated that residents of his district have been promised traffic relief for too long and he would not approve this massive development as a result, stating “to do so would be thoughtless.”



Moncia Ortiz
Council Representative

Here in District Five, we pride ourselves on providing superb service to our constituents. And service always begins with having a great staff. That’s why I’m so excited to introduce the newest member of our staff—Monica Ortiz.

As a Council Representative, Monica will be responsible for the communities of Linda Vista and Kearny Mesa as well as handling issues relating to MTDB and the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services committee.

Welcome to District Five Monica!

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ject design this past February, and through his negotiations with Shea, an improved and acceptable design was presented. The project was approved by the Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee after Shea satisfied more than 20 project design improvements requested by the committee.

Maienschein is very appreciative of the community volunteers and Shea working together to reach a satisfactory resolution to this project.

Construction of SR-56 moving forward

During the month of July, the City of San Diego made major progress towards completing the long-awaited SR-56.

After I took office back in December, I called my first meeting with City staff and Caltrans officials to get an update on the status of SR-56. The first issue on our agenda was a review of the land purchases that needed to be completed to construct this east/west transportation corridor. I was amazed to learn that out of twenty-eight parcels of land that needed to be purchased, the City of San Diego had zero!

Now I'll admit that I'm not an engineer, but I do know that you need to own the land before you can build the freeway.

Well I'm pleased to report the City has now purchased three of the land parcels and we're close to closing the deal on a dozen more in the next few weeks.

As Chair of the Transportation Congestion Strike Team, my number one priority on the City Council is to complete SR-56 by 2004. Enough time has been wasted on this needed freeway and these parcel purchases are a major step in ensuring that this project becomes a reality.

Council declares July 30, 2001 to be Ted Gaasch Day in the City of San Diego

During a special meeting of the City Council at the Scripps Ranch library, I had the opportunity to recognize Ted Gaasch, one of Rancho Bernardo's finest leaders for his civic mindedness and community dedication.

Ted has worked tirelessly over the years to help make Rancho Bernardo one of the jewels of San Diego. And to honor him for his efforts, I was proud to proclaim July 30, 2001 to be Ted Gaasch Day in the City of San Diego.

Ted's work in the community includes four years as a member of the Westwood Club's Board of Directors, hundreds of volunteer hours for "Volunteers in Policing," and continued work with other San Diego Town Councils to coordinate common community concerns.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Ted was elected to the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame in 2000. On behalf of the City Council, thanks again Ted for all you do!



*Councilmember Brian Maienschein
and Rancho Bernardo resident Ted
Gaasch*



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